



# GHOSTRIDER GAZETTE

Golf Battery, 1-79 Field Artillery

Class 13-09, 16JAN09, Week 5



Dear Family Member,



1SG Rudolph Green

Golf Battery would like to say farewell to 1SG Fredrick Johnson and welcome 1SG Rudolph Green. We would like to thank 1SG Johnson for his hard work and dedication to your Soldiers and know that he will be successful in his new position as the Headquarters Battery (HHB), 434<sup>th</sup> Brigade First Sergeant. 1SG Green has hit the ground running and comes to us with prior Drill Sergeant experience and is the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) and trainer of the Battery. Rest assured, your Soldiers are in great hands with the new leadership transition.

This has been a physically demanding week yet for your Soldiers. The here has been quite cold but your Soldiers have remained focused on rigorous weapons training this week. This week we focused on Advanced Rifle Marksmanship (ARM). Early in the week we introduced your Soldiers to the army's newest equipment. They were taught how to mount and operate the M68 Close Combat Optics (CCO). This optics places a red dot on the target where the round

will strike and can only be seen through the CCO scope. We fired rounds at a stationary target during daytime operations using this equipment. We then transitioned into night fire using the ANPVS 14 night vision goggles and the PAQ 15 day and night laser designator. The PAQ 15 also places a red dot where the round will strike. These systems use two modes that can allow the light to be seen with the naked eye or make it so it can only be seen using a night vision device. Your Soldiers also completed their 8 kilometer road march which started at 0500 last Wednesday morning. That road march took us out to a range where each Soldier was instructed on the different techniques for throwing grenades. They then conducted an assault course that allowed them to use these throwing techniques and qualify using mock grenades. Once we were sure of their throwing ability, each Soldier was able to throw two live grenades. ARM training continued late in the week as we taught your Soldier how to move and engage targets safely and efficiently. The Soldiers moved toward a target while engaging it at different ranges using the M68 CCO. This allows them to develop the hand eye coordination required while firing from a standing position. Your Soldiers also worked on battle buddy movement techniques. The Soldiers moved down a lane (with a Drill Sergeant safety) while providing suppressive fire for each other. Basically one Soldier fires at the enemy while the other moves. This limits the enemy's ability effectively engage a Soldier while he is moving. The Soldiers alternate firing and moving. The Soldiers close the distance between their selves and the enemy and finish the lane by engaging the enemy with a hand grenade simulator.

The graduation letter and information packet has been sent out via U.S. Mail by self-addressed envelopes from your Soldiers. There is also a digital copy of packet included with this E-letter. The packet includes the graduation letter, area hotel/motel and transportation information, maps, a schedule of events, and a vehicle pass. Family day activities will begin Wednesday, 18 February 2009 at 09:30 a.m. in the Battery area. Graduation is Thursday, 19 February at 1:00 p.m. at McMahon Auditorium. If you are looking for hotels in the local area you can also use the following link: [http://www.2chambers.com/lawton\\_oklahoma.htm](http://www.2chambers.com/lawton_oklahoma.htm).

I continue to encourage you to write to your Soldiers and they are still receiving great letters and mail; a little bit of encouragement from home goes a long way! Letters are fine, but do not send packages that contain contraband (magazines, food, electronics, candy, soda, tobacco, pornography etc.). Again their address is: (Line 1) **Soldiers' name (Line 2) Golf Battery, 1-79 FA, PLT #\_\_\_ (Line 3) 5001 North Rothwell Rd (Line 4) Fort Sill, OK 73503.** If there is someone else that you know that would like to receive these updates please send me their email address. If you have questions pertaining to an emergency concerning your Soldier, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward seeing you all at graduation! Respectfully, CPT Kyle A. Lippold

## Ghostrider Soldier's In Action!





# Additional Photos of Ghostrider Soldier's In Action!

## Hand Grenades



## Advanced Rifle Marksmanship (ARM)

